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A copy of the listed document is submitted herewith.

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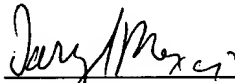
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submit the following explanation:

**The submission of the attached partial English language translation of the reference, entitled "Image Input Technical Handbook", constitutes a concise statement of relevance of the reference**

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